

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION, insert the following:

--This is a divisional application of Application No. 09/299,878, filed on April 27, 1999.--.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 5, line 21 and ending at page 6, line 11.

Particularly as an application to image display apparatuses, as disclosed in the U.S. Patent No. 5,066,833 and Japanese Patent Laid-Open Nos. 2-257551 and 4-28137 filed by the present applicant, an image display apparatus using the combination of ~~an~~ a surface-conduction type emission device and a fluorescent substance emits light upon reception of an electron beam has been studied. This type of image display apparatus using the combination of the surface-conduction type emission device and the fluorescent substance is expected to exhibit ~~more excellent~~ better characteristics than other conventional image display apparatuses. For example, compared with recent popular liquid crystal display apparatuses, the above display apparatus is superior in that it does not require any backlight because it is ~~of~~ a self-emission type and that it has a wide view angle.